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SUBJECT: REPORTED CHANGE IN IMPORT DUTY - ACETATE YARN

1. A LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF EASTMAN CHEMICAL PRODUCTS, INC., HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER REPORTED NEW PRESIDENTIAL DECREE OF AUGUST 8 WHICH WOULD INCREASE IMPORT DUTY RATE TO BE ASSESSED INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES IMPORTING ACETATE YARN TOW (FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF CIGARETTE FILTER TIPS) FROM 10 PERCENT TO 100 PERCENT AD VALOREM IF A COMPANY IMPORTS PER YEAR LESS THAN 250 MILLION FILTER RODS.

2. ACCORDING TO THIS REPRESENTATIVE, THERE CURRENTLY ARE ONLY THREE LOCAL MANUFACTURERS OF SUCH FILTERS IN THE PHILIPPINES, TWO COMPANIES OF WHICH EASTMAN SUPPLIES BUT WHOSE IMPORTS WOULD FALL BELOW THE AMOUNT REQUIRED TO QUALIFY FOR THE 10 PERCENT DUTY. THE THIRD COMPANY (PHILIPPINE TOBACCO FILTERS CORPORATION) IS THE LARGEST, SUPPLIED MAINLY FROM JAPAN, WITH ANNUAL LEVEL OF TOW IMPORTS EASILY QUALIFYING IT FOR THE LOWER DUTY TREATMENT UNDER THESE STATED REQUIREMENTS.

ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS VERIFYING OR MODIFYING THIS BACKGROUND OF PROPOSED DUTY CHANGE, PLUS INDICATION OF WHEN SUCH IS EXPECTED TO BECOME UNCLASSIFIED

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